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Dear Sir:

This communication is responsive to the non-final Office Action dated June 20, 2005. The shortened three-month statutory period is set to expire on September 20, 2005. Accordingly, applicants believe this communication is timely filed. Applicants believe that no additional fee is required for acceptance of this communication. However, should any fees be required, the Patent Office is hereby authorized to charge such fees to Deposit Account No. 23-0455. Applicants likewise believe that no extension of time is required for acceptance of this communication. However, should a petition for extension of time be required for acceptance of this communication, applicants hereby petition for any extensions of time required for timely acceptance of the papers submitted herewith under 37 C.F.R. §1.136, and authorize payment of such extension fees to Deposit Account No. 23-0455.

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